

REMARKS


By way of the above amendments, claims 1-3 have been amended, claims 10-21 have been canceled (claims 4-9 and 22-23 were previously canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed July 3, 2003), and claims 24-38 have been added. As such, claims 1-3 and 24-38 are presently pending.

The amendments to the claims and the newly added claims add no new subject matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in condition for examination on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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